

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday  
March 21, 2001  
7:00p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland**

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**Members Present**

Linda Matney  
John Van Walleghen  
Tony Rangel  
Veronica Casados  
Wendell Turner  
Bickley Foster  
Doratheia Sloan

**Members Absent**

Bob Schreck  
Gregory Chinn  
Sharon Fearey  
Clarence Wiley

**Guests**

listed at end

**Council Member Cole** called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m. Welcoming guests and asked DAB members to introduce him or herself and identify the area or association represented.

After introductions were complete, **Council Member Cole** asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented. The approval of tonight's agenda is to include following amendments.

**(Sloan/Matney 7-0)**

1. Public Agenda to include a letter submitted by the Benjamin Hills Neighborhood Association,
2. Update on Day Reporting Center to be added as Item 6,
3. Update on Liberty Juvenile Center to be added as Item 7,
4. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) rating sheet review to be added as Item 8.

There were no minutes for approval at this meeting.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. Five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action will be allowed. Printed materials are encouraged.

*John VanWalleghen, DAB Member and President of Benjamin Hills Neighborhood Association read the letter from the March association meeting stating a motion was passed to remove the association's backing for a bridge over the floodway-I-235 corridor at 21<sup>st</sup> Street. See attachment (1).*

**Council Member Cole** asked if the Benjamin Hills Neighborhood Association has a representative in the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Coalition Economic Development Committee?

Member Van Walleghen stated that his group felt removing support from all options is the best alternative and they do not want to see any long-term problems.

## **PLANNING**

*No items were submitted*

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **1. Arts and Crafts Proposals (copies of the proposals were mailed to DAB Members)**

*Cathy Holdeman, City Manager's Staff* presented the two Requests for Proposals (RFP) submitted for the Art's and Crafts facility located at 25<sup>th</sup> and North Arkansas Streets. One proposal was from the Wichita Public Library, which would include Head Start, Wichita Acts on Truancy and HOPE Services. The second proposal was from USD 259, which wanted only 4,000-sq. ft. of the facility.

The Wichita Public Library proposal met all the criteria that were included in the request.

Much discussion followed by DAB Members and some input from the public that was present.

- Action taken: DAB VI recommends to accept the proposal of the Wichita Public Library to be housed in the Arts and Crafts facility located at the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and Arkansas.

### **2. Adult Soccer League/proposed new site for play**

*Doug Kupper, Parks Director*, was present to discuss the proposed field selected for Adult Soccer. The property is located at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Ohio Streets. It has 5.68 acres of land and two fields could be adequate for this property.

**Council Member Cole** asked if there was room for two fields and not anything else?  
**DAB Members** also included some questions? Responses following from Mr. Kupper.

Mr. Kupper stated that:

- ✓ There would be bleachers on both sides of fields
- ✓ Drainage would be easily piped into a catch basin
- ✓ Family enjoyment
- ✓ Access to water and sewer
- ✓ Off-street diagonal parking
- ✓ The City would be charging a fee for rental
- ✓ No concessions facility
- ✓ Port-a-Potty's will be available
- ✓ This field would be for all races, the City can't discriminate
- ✓ Multiple groups looking for adult soccer fields
- ✓ Schedule for development is next spring 2002
- ✓ Daylight only play/ No lights at this time
- ✓ Large groups will be steered to use Southlakes or the NE Soccer Complex

**Council Member Cole** stated it was her request to honor commitment in this area for adult soccer. This is an industrial site; soccer activity would be on weekends. This was to be a compromise because Schell Park was to be used for youth soccer and family area.

- Action taken: DAB VI recommends to City Council to purchase the property at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Ohio Streets for adult soccer and to direct the Park Department to return to DAB VI with an architectural plan of the fields for public input. (**Sloan/VanWalleghe 7-0**)

Lola Howard, thanked the DAB for getting this done. Soccer fields are needed for adults to play.

At this time, Mr. Kupper presented the new staff member Leah Hoffman, recruited from Florida.

Ms. Hoffman stated so far she has enjoyed being in Wichita and looks forward to working with DAB VI.

**Council Member Cole** thanked Mr. Kupper for all his time and energy put into full-filling this commitment.

**3. MAPC March 22, 2001 meeting**

Attendees are needed for representation of the North Midtown Plan. Several DAB members stated they would attend.

- Action taken: Receive and File

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**4. Letter from Via Christi Regional Medical Center**

Letter to DAB recommending support of the two-way street conversion proposal for Topeka, Emporia and St. Francis from Central to 17<sup>th</sup> streets was read. See attachment 2.

- Action taken: Receive and File

**5. Problem Properties**

DAB Members are given the opportunity to notify City Staff about problem properties throughout the District.

1. Baby Brooks Landfill/ 3510 N. Athenian

Action taken: Receive and Take appropriate action.

**6. Day Reporting Center**

- Change of date of appeal to BZA is now on April 24, 2001
- No construction at Twin Lakes site
- New site being looked at 1725 E. Douglas
- Possibly more centers coming to area
- 1500 signatures have been collected to oppose the Twin Lakes site

**Council Member Cole** stated that there are zoning updates to deal with this issue. This needs to be dealt with at the MAPC level. Let the BZA representatives know how you feel. Reconnect with the (DOC) Department of Correction about your feelings of the Twin Lakes site. You now have the City Council's attention.

➤ Action taken: Receive and File

**7. Liberty House Juvenile Center**

Letter received from the Liberty Juvenile Center. See Attachment 3

Letter received from Riverside Citizens Association (RCA). See Attachment 4

**Council Member Cole** attended this evening meeting of the facility and stated that the information given about the center was the residents are non-violent and face major anger issues. They are under going anger management treatment. All but five residents are from the Sedgwick County area. This is a level six facility, a very intensive treatment center. The center did admit they had problems in the beginning. Training is being done for the employees. The message to the Center from the group was *we are watching you and want to know what will be going on at the facility.*

Member Rangel stated after speaking with Kathy Dittmer, RCA, the application for licensure of the facility is postponed until the end of March. The application is to increase the number of residents the facility can have. This is a concern because they are looking at having 70 residents. The State of Kansas is looking to house more offenders. Wichita could be their target.

➤ Action taken: Receive and File

**8. CIP Rating sheet**

**Council Member Cole** stated that the sheet was to divide money into six districts and divide it fairly. Following are comments from DAB Members

- ◆ Why is it that water is supplied to the entire city, but it's being looked at as a benefit of District VI?
- ◆ City Hall benefits the entire City of Wichita not just District VI.
- ◆ There should be different funding for city wide projects
- ◆ The poles at Central and McLean? What are they?

➤ Action taken: Receive and File

**Member Turner** stated that serving on the DAB had been an experience he wouldn't have missed. We have accomplished a lot and made many lasting friendships.

**Member Foster** asked how long do we stay in office? This job as a DAB member is too complex just to serve one year. The first year you are learning the process.

**Council Member Cole** stated until June. This will give the new Council Member a chance to make changes. If the new person wants the same election process, this will take some time.

**Member Van Walleghen** asked if the DAB would be involved in redistricting? Yes was the reply.

In closing, **Council Member Cole** told the DAB that it had been an honor and privilege to serve with such a decisive and interested group. Their courage has been well exhibited.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal  
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

**Guests:**

Faith Steward	1523 Hood, 67203
Keith and Beverly Koontz	2224 Woodland, 67204
Lola Howard	2534 Mascot, 67204
Berle and Maurine Willis	3834 Woodrow, 67204
Rosalie Bradley	1401 Julianne, 67203
Dan Wilson	WDM Architects
John Brewer	WDM Architects
Phil Meyer	WDM Architects
Charlene Van Walleghen	2524 Hyacinth, 67204